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FYI.

Please pass this information to your contractors and whoever else collect samples for us. CAS

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On June 1, 2015, EPA's Houston lab will cease providing sampling tags to EPA Superfund personnel, grantees, contractors, and other agencies that have IAs with EPA Region 6. Also, the Houston lab will end the requirement that samples sent to the Houston lab or to the CLP have a sample tag on the container. This change is only for ending the use of the tie-on, paper (Tyvek) tags. An appropriate label, such as hand written or Scribe-generated labels are still required for each container. The information that is required on these labels has not changed. Also, practices for the use of the chain-of-custody forms and custody seals will not change.

I am asking each of you to do two things:

1. Inform each of your contractors, grantees, agencies, that use the sampling tags of this change.
2. Review your contracts, cooperative agreements, IAs, etc. for language referring to the use of sampling tags. Some contracts have had language that only mentioned tags as "government supplied" items. I want to make sure that the elimination of the use of

sampling tags does not cause problems with our contracts or agreements. The *CLP Samplers Guide* is often cited in these contracts and agreements. The requirement for use of sampling tags has been eliminated from this guide.

Please forward this information to anyone that you think needs to know this. Also, if there are any questions on this issue, please contact me, Marvelyn Humphrey (6MD-H, 281-983-2140), or Myra Perez (6MD-H, 281-983-2130).

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